LUTHERAN CHAPEL



1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20 AND LUKE 24:44-53

"The Ascension of our Lord 2025"

HOLY COMMUNION ASCENSION OF OUR LORD OBSERVENCE JUNE 1, 2025

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BOLD indicates congregational responses -* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

"Seek Ye First"

Fred Bock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19h

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

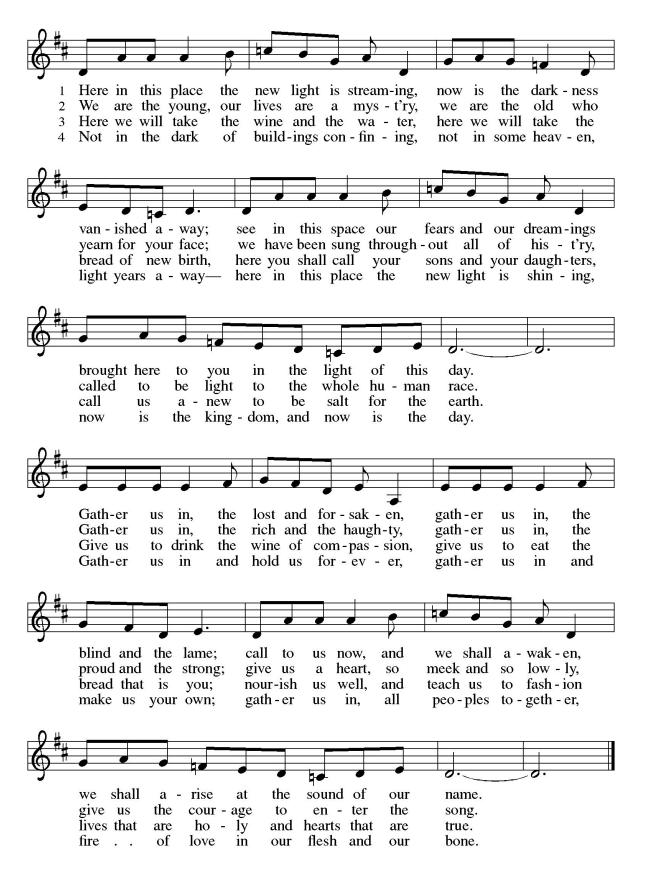
P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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2 Corinthians 13:13

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

C: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

1 KINGS 12:1-11, 16-20

¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you. ⁵He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them

when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Look now to your own house, O David."

So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. ¹⁸When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

²⁰When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

³Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

PROVERBS 16:3

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. The memory verse is in bold.

Creation: Fall: Promise: Exodus: Conquest: Judges: + Kings and Prophets: Exile: Restoration: 2nd Temple: JESUS: +Apostles: Last Day: New Creation

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REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

SECOND LESSON

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and

may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

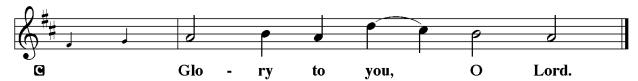
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

*GOSPEL LUKE 24:44-53

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:

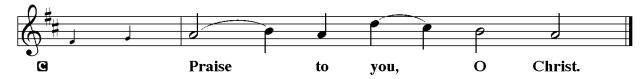


⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing

God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Civil War, Division, and the End of United Israel

The Risen Jesus Ascends to the Right Hand of the Father

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus's aving power: Is this not the time for the Last Day? God's time is simply not human time.

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: Jesus is ascended to the right hand of God the Father – ultimate victory for all believers is won.

So What?: Trust God's perfect timing. Celebrate! Rejoice! Since Jesus is at the right hand of our Father in Heaven, Heaven is our future too.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing!"

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- 1 A hymn of glo ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
- 2 The ho ly ap os tol ic band up on the Mount of Ol ives
- 3 To whom the shin-ing an-gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up-on the 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
- 5 O ris en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac-



Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, Al-le - lu - ia! by a road be - fore un ring: with his faith-ful stand. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This the Sav-ior!" thus they sky?" is Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Je - sus you shall Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You cord: are, while end-less



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.

see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."



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*THE NICENE CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Go to the World!"

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*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

P. The Lord be with you. C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts. C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE FOR THE DAY AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

*SONG OF SIMEON Luke 2:29-32

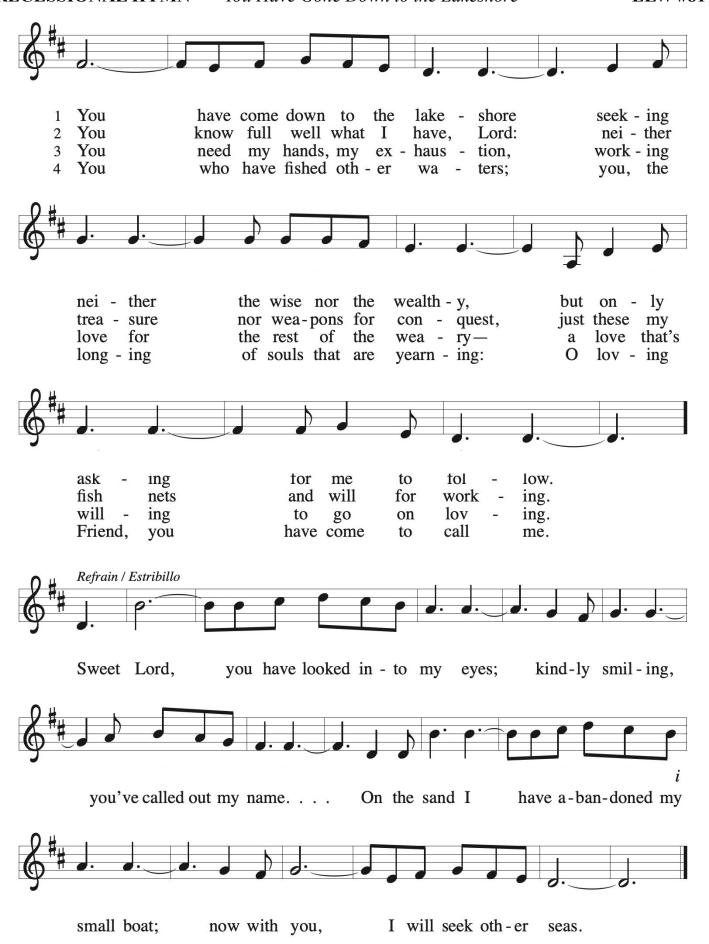
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION



*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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THOSE SERVING AT LUTHERAN CHAPEL TODAY

| Ministers | People of Lutheran Chapel |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor | |
| Administrative Assistant | Susan Hibsch |
| Director of Music Ministries | Kathie Riebe |
| Choir Accompanist | Anna Gilreath |
| Lector | Debi Jean Wankel |





GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.

LOVE OFFERING FOR JUNE: The love offerings for June will be collected for the Lutheran Support Group of Gaston which provides ongoing support for Faith Farm, Bess Town Road property (now known as Camp Centurion) and Mountain Ridge Group Homes. They help with maintenance and upkeep of group homes for adults with developmental disabilities in Gastonia.

THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. An episode of The Chosen will be watched with discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.

CLOTHING CLOSET GIVEAWAY: The Outreach Committee's next clothing giveaway is **Saturday, June 21** from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. The clothing closet is in great need of men's spring and summer clothing and shoes. Do you have some clothes that you don't like or that don't fit anymore? Please consider going through your closet and sharing! Thank you!



Sunday, June 1 10:00 am Worship at Rankin Lake

8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3 10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wednesday, June 4 7:00 pm Evening Suffrages Evening Suffrages and Episode of the

Chosen (Chaple)

Thursday, June 5 11:00 am Bible Study (Library)

Friday, June 6

Saturday, June 7 9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 23 June 1 to June 8, 2025

06/01 Morning Reading: John 12:27-50—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 15, 16

06/02 Morning Reading: John 13:1-20—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 17, 18

06/03 Morning Reading: John 13:21-38—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 19, 20

06/04 Morning Reading: John 14—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 21, 22

06/05 Morning Reading: John 15—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 23, 24

06/06 Morning Reading: John 16—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 25, 26, 27

06/07 Morning Reading: John 17—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 28, 29

06/08 Morning Reading: John 18:1-18—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 30, 31

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, Ron Behringer, Steve Bell, Pauline Bradley, Shirley Bradley, Buddy Carothers, Miles Carpenter, George Cashion, Kathy Finch, Baker Hampton, Pastor Peter & Nancy Homovich, Ann Lowe, Trish Ratchford, Doug Rhyne, Kay Robinson, Pat & Barbara Robinson.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: John Austin, Kyle Banes, Rick Belton, Kathy Bradley, Gage Brown, Peggy Button, Deborah Carpenter, Jeff Cobb, Zandra Chavis, Doris Coggins, Tucker Doyne, Larea Falls, the family of Patsy Foster, Jameson Franklin, Al Froneberger, Jerry Green, John, Kathy Jenkins, Kirk Jordan, Debbie Kerpsie, Don Kincaid, Sherry McCart, Bobby Myers, Betty Parlier, Rita Pasour, Morgan Rosser, Dorothy Slessman, Christy Carpenter Smith, Charlene Sorenson, Judy Turner, Becky Van Dyke, and Jimmy Watlington, Kennedy Williams.

To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439).

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Wednesday, June 4 ~ Evening Suffrages and the Chosen

Psalm 69 "Save Me O God" and the Chosen "The Wedding Gift"

Thursday, June 5 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

1 Kings 12:1-11, 16-20 "Division of Israel"

Sunday, June 8 ∼ Ante Communion / Pentecost 2025

1 Kings 19:1-18, Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17, 25-27 "The Holy Spirit Manifest"